

REMARKS

Claims 15-26 have been rejected and remain pending. In addition, claim 15 has been amended herein to remove the recitation of the word "molecule" as the Examiner contends that this word adds new matter.

In light of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 15-26.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing new matter.

Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. To further prosecution, however, claim 15 has been amended herein to remove the recitation of the word "molecule." Thus, this rejection is moot.

The Examiner also rejected claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement since claim 15 recited a molecule comprising a polyamide nucleic acid oligomer. As indicated herein, claim 15 has been amended to remove the recitation of the word "molecule." Thus, this rejection is moot.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

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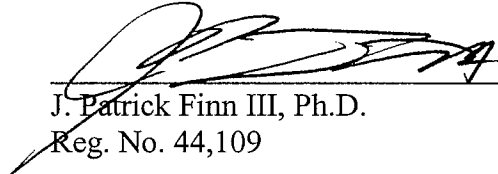
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 15-26 are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if such would expedite prosecution. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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